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# REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PILOT PROGRAM BETWEEN THE JPO AND THE USPTO

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## [SCOPE OF CLAIMS FOR PATENT]

## [Claim 1]

An access method for an apparatus to gain access to a specific area assigned to an area number of a memory device, the method comprising the steps of:

the apparatus transmitting designation information including the area number, an access start offset in the specific area associated with the area number and a size of data to access and designating an access area of the memory device, to the memory device;

the apparatus transmitting verification information generated based on the designation information, together with a processing command for the access area;

the memory device verifying the verification information using the designation information; and

the memory device executing the processing command when the verification succeeds.

## 20 [Claim 2]

An access method for an apparatus to gain access to a specific area assigned to an area number of a memory device, the method comprising the steps of:

the apparatus sharing a verification key with the memory device;

the apparatus transmitting designation information including the area number, an access start

offset in the specific area associated with the area number  
and a size of data to access and designating an access  
area of the memory device, to the memory device;

the apparatus transmitting verification data  
5 obtained by encrypting the designation information using  
the verification key, together with a processing command  
for the access area;

the memory device verifying the verification data  
using the designation information and the verification  
10 key; and

the memory device executing the processing command  
when the verification succeeds.

[Claim 3]

15 An access method for an apparatus to gain access  
to a specific area assigned to an area number of a memory  
device, the method comprising the steps of:

the apparatus sharing a verification key with the  
memory device;

20 the apparatus requesting transmission of random  
numbers to the memory device;

the memory device transmitting random numbers to  
the apparatus;

the apparatus transmitting designation  
25 information including the area number, an access start  
offset in the specific area associated with the area number  
and a size of data to access and designating an access

area of the memory device, to the memory device;

the apparatus transmitting verification data obtained by encrypting verification information including the random numbers and the designation information, together with a processing command for the access area;

the memory device verifying the verification data using the random numbers, the designation information and the verification key; and

the memory device executing the processing command when the verification succeeds.

[Claim 4]

A memory device whose data of a specific area assigned to an area number is read and written by an apparatus, the memory device comprising:

a processing command receiver that receives designation information including the area number, an access start offset in the specific area associated with the area number and a size of data to access and designating an area to access and receives verification information generated based on the designation information and a processing command including a command for read or write;

a designation information verifier that performs verification processing on the verification information using the designation information;

a storage area that stores data;

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a storage area access section that performs read or write from/in a designated area of the storage area according to the command for processing, when the verification processing succeeds;

5 a data transmitter that transmits data read by the storage area access section to the apparatus; and

a data receiver that receives data to write from the apparatus.

10 [Claim 5]

The memory device according to claim 4, wherein the designation information verifier generates random numbers in response to a request by the apparatus, holds the random numbers and transmits the random numbers to  
15 the apparatus.

[Claim 6]

The memory device according to claim 5, wherein the designation information verifier performs the  
20 verification processing using the verification information and a verification key.

[Claim 7]

The memory device according to claim 6, further  
25 comprising:

a verification key sharing section that shares the verification key with the apparatus.



## [Claim 8]

An information apparatus that reads and writes data of a specific area assigned to an area number from/in a memory device, the information apparatus comprising:

5 a designation information determiner that determines designation information including an access start offset for reading and writing data from/in the specific area, a size of data for performing read and write and the area number and designating the access area;

a verification information generator that performs processing for generating verification information based on the designation information;

15 a processing command transmitter that transmits the designation information to the memory device and separately transmits the verification information and a processing command for reading or writing data;

a data transmitter that transmits data to the memory device when the processing command is write; and

20 a data receiver that receives data from the memory device when the processing command is read.

## [Claim 9]

The information apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the detection information verifier requests transmission of random numbers to the memory device and receives the random numbers from the memory device.

## [Claim 10]

The information apparatus according to claim 9,  
wherein the verification information generator performs  
5 the processing for generating the verification  
information using the designation information and a  
verification key.

## [Claim 11]

10 The information apparatus according to claim 10,  
further comprising:

a verification key sharing section that shares the  
verification key with the memory device.

## 15 [Claim 12]

An access method for an apparatus to gain access  
to a specific area assigned to an area number of a memory  
device, the method comprising:

the apparatus transmitting designation  
20 information including the area number, an access start  
offset in the specific area associated with the area number  
and a size of data to access and designating an access  
area of the memory device, to the memory device;

the apparatus transmitting verification data  
25 obtained by encrypting the designation information using  
the verification key, together with a processing command  
for the access area to the memory device;

the memory device verifying the verification data using the designation information and the verification key; and

the memory device executing the processing command  
5 when the verification succeeds.

[Claim 13]

An access method for an apparatus to gain access to a specific area assigned to an area number of a memory  
10 device, the method comprising the steps of:

the apparatus requesting transmission of random numbers to the memory device;

the memory device transmitting random numbers to the apparatus;

15 the apparatus transmitting designation information including the area number, an access start offset in the specific area associated with the area number and a size of data to access and designating an access area of the memory device, to the memory device;

20 the apparatus transmitting verification data obtained by encrypting the designation information using a verification key, together with a processing command for the access area to the memory device;

the memory device verifying the verification data  
25 using the random numbers, the designation information and the verification key; and

the memory device executing the processing command

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when the verification succeeds.

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【請求項1】

機器からメモリデバイスの領域番号に割り当てられた特定の領域に対するアクセス方法であって、

前記機器が、前記領域番号と、前記領域番号に関連づけられた前記特定の領域内におけるアクセス開始オフセットと、アクセスするデータのサイズと、を含む、前記メモリデバイスへのアクセス先を指定する指定情報を前記メモリデバイスへ送信するステップと、

前記機器が、前記指定情報に基づいて生成した検証情報を、前記アクセス先への処理命令とともに送信するステップと、

前記メモリデバイスが、前記指定情報を用いて前記検証情報を検証するステップと、

前記検証にて成功した場合、前記メモリデバイスが、前記処理命令を実行するステップと、を有するアクセス方法。

【請求項2】

機器からメモリデバイスの領域番号に割り当てられた特定の領域に対するアクセス方法であって、

前記機器が、前記メモリデバイスとの間で、検証用鍵を共有化するステップと、

前記機器が、前記領域番号と、前記領域番号に関連付けられた前記特定の領域内におけるアクセス開始オフセットと、アクセスするデータのサイズと、を含む、前記メモリデバイスへのアクセス先を指定する指定情報を前記メモリデバイスへ送信するステップと、

前記機器が、前記指定情報を前記検証用鍵で暗号化した検証データを、前記アクセス先

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域への処理命令とともに送信するステップと、

前記メモリデバイスが、前記指定情報と前記検証用鍵とを用いて、前記検証データを検証するステップと、

前記検証にて成功した場合、前記メモリデバイスが、前記処理命令を実行するステップと、

を有するアクセス方法。

【請求項3】

機器からメモリデバイスの領域番号に割り当てられた特定の領域に対するアクセス方法であって、

前記機器が、前記メモリデバイスとの間で、検証用鍵を共有化するステップと、

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前記機器が、前記メモリデバイスに乱数の送信を要求するステップと、

前記メモリデバイスが、前記機器に対して乱数を送信するステップと、

前記機器が、前記領域番号と、前記領域番号と関連付けられた前記特定の領域内におけるアクセス開始オフセットと、アクセスするデータのサイズと、を含む、前記メモリデバイスへのアクセス先を指定する指定情報を前記メモリデバイスへ送信するステップと、

前記機器が、前記乱数と前記指定情報とを含む検証情報を前記検証用鍵で暗号化した検証データを前記アクセス先への処理命令とともに送信するステップと、

前記メモリデバイスが、前記乱数と前記指定情報と前記検証用鍵とを用いて、前記検証データを検証するステップと、

前記検証にて成功した場合、前記メモリデバイスが、前記処理命令を実行するステップと、

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を有するアクセス方法。

【請求項4】

機器から、領域番号に割り当てられた特定の領域のデータが読み書きされるメモリデバイスであって、

前記領域番号と、前記領域番号と関連付けられた前記特定の領域内におけるアクセス開始オフセットと、アクセスするデータのサイズと、を含む、アクセス先を指定する指定情報を受信するとともに、前記指定情報に基づいて生成された検証情報と読み出し又は書き込み命令を含む処理命令を受信する処理命令受信手段と、

前記指定情報を用いて前記検証情報の検証処理を行う指定情報検証手段と、

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データを格納する記憶領域と、

前記検証処理が成功した場合に、前記処理命令に応じて、前記記憶領域の前記指定領域に対する読み出し又は書き込みを行う記憶領域アクセス手段と、

前記記憶領域アクセス手段が読み出したデータを前記機器に送信するデータ送信手段と、

前記機器から書き込みデータを受信するデータ受信手段と、

を備えるメモリデバイス。

【請求項5】

前記指定情報検証手段は、前記機器の要求により、乱数を生成し、前記乱数を保持し、前記乱数を前記機器に送信する、

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請求項4記載のメモリデバイス。

【請求項6】

前記指定情報検証手段は、前記検証処理を、前記検証情報と検証用鍵を用いて行う、

請求項5記載のメモリデバイス。

【請求項7】

前記機器との間で前記検証用鍵を共有する検証用鍵共有手段をさらに備える、請求項6記載のメモリデバイス。

【請求項8】

メモリデバイスに対して領域番号に割り当てられた特定の領域のデータの読み書きする情報機器であって、

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前記特定の領域における、データの読み出し又は書き込みするアクセス開始オフセットと、読み出し又は書き込みするデータのサイズと、前記領域番号と、を含む、アクセス先を指定する指定情報を決定する指定情報決定手段と、

前記指定情報に基づいて前記検証情報の生成処理を行う検証情報生成手段と、

前記指定情報を前記メモリデバイスに送信するとともに、別途、前記検証情報と、データの読み出し又は書き込みの処理命令と、を送信する処理命令送信手段と、

前記処理命令が書き込みの場合は、前記メモリデバイスにデータを送信するデータ送信手段と、

前記処理命令が読み出しの場合は、前記メモリデバイスからデータを受信するデータ受信手段と、

を備える情報機器。

【請求項 9】

前記検証情報生成手段は、前記メモリデバイスに対し乱数の送信を要求し、前記メモリデバイスから前記乱数を受信する、

請求項 8 記載の情報機器。

【請求項 10】

前記検証情報生成手段は、前記検証情報の生成処理を、前記指定情報と検証用鍵とを用いて行う、

請求項 9 記載の情報機器。

【請求項 11】

前記メモリデバイスとの間で前記検証用鍵を共有する検証用鍵共有手段を備える、

請求項 10 記載の情報機器。

【請求項 12】

機器からメモリデバイスの領域番号に割り当てられた特定の領域に対するアクセス方法であって、

前記機器が、前記領域番号と、前記領域番号と関連付けられた前記特定の領域内におけるアクセス開始オフセットと、アクセスするデータのサイズと、を含む、前記メモリデバイスへのアクセス先を指定する指定情報を前記メモリデバイスへ送信するステップと、

前記機器が、前記指定情報を検証用鍵で暗号化した検証データを前記アクセス先への処理命令とともに前記メモリデバイスへ送信するステップと、

前記メモリデバイスが、前記検証データを前記指定情報と検証用鍵とを用いて検証するステップと、

前記検証に成功した場合、前記メモリデバイスが、前記処理命令を実行するステップと

を有するアクセス方法。

【請求項 13】

機器からメモリデバイスの領域番号に割り当てられた特定の領域に対するアクセス方法であって、

前記機器が、前記メモリデバイスに乱数の送信を要求するステップと、

前記メモリデバイスが、前記機器に対して乱数を送信するステップと、

前記機器が、前記領域番号と、前記領域番号と関連付けられた前記特定の領域内におけるアクセス開始オフセットと、アクセスするデータのサイズと、を含む、前記メモリデバイスへのアクセス先を指定する指定情報を前記メモリデバイスへ送信するステップと、

前記機器が、前記指定情報を検証用鍵で暗号化した検証データを前記アクセス先への処理命令と併せて前記メモリデバイスへ送信するステップと、

前記メモリデバイスが、前記乱数と前記指定情報と前記検証用鍵を用いて前記検証データを検証するステップと、

前記検証に成功した場合、前記メモリデバイスが、前記処理命令を実行するステップと

を有するアクセス方法。

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This application should be refused for the reason mentioned below. If the applicant has any argument against the reason, such argument should be submitted within 60 days from the date on which this notification was dispatched.

**REASON**

The inventions in the claims listed below of the subject application should not be granted a patent under the provision of Patent Law Section 29 (2) since they could have easily been made by persons who have common knowledge in the technical field to which the inventions pertain, on the basis of inventions described in the publications listed below which were distributed, or inventions made accessible to public through electric telecommunication line, in Japan or foreign countries prior to the filing of the subject application.

**NOTE (see the list of cited references)**

Claims: 1-13

Cited references: 1-3

Remarks:

As described in FIG. 1 and FIGs. 3-5 of the cited reference 1 and also in the descriptions thereof, it is a well known technique that a processing command of an access region and an authentication information regarding this processing command are transmitted together from an apparatus to a memory device, and after carrying out the authentication processing in the memory device the processing to the access region is carried out.

Moreover, as described in FIGs. 3-4, and FIG. 12 (b) of the cited reference 2 and also in the descriptions thereof, transmitting an access area designation information including the area number, access start offset, data size from an apparatus to a memory device is also usually carried out, and that in the above-described cited reference 1 the access area designation information described in the cited reference 2 is transmitted to designate the access destination can be easily done by those skilled in the art.

Moreover, a configuration of providing a command for reading the area number from the apparatus to the memory device and of transmitting the area number from the memory device to the apparatus is also commonly employed.

In addition, in the communications for carrying out data verification, the use of a session key (a temporarily shared key, and corresponding to a verification key which the apparatus and memory device of the subject application share) which the apparatus and the memory device share is also a well known technique as described in FIGs. 1 and 2 of the cited reference 3 and also in the descriptions thereof. The use of a random number in data verification is also a well known technique.

**List of Cited Reference(s)**

1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. HEI11-306088
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This application is to be granted a patent as there is no reason for refusal.

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COMMENTS

We would like to file the following preliminary amendment for the present application prior to the examination.

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In addition, we would like to request participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program between the JPO and the USPTO. Enclosed please find a request for participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program between the JPO and the USPTO, and scope of claims for patent of patentable claims in JP application of which JPO application number is 2006-341650. This application was issued on June 1, 2007 (P3963938) and it is a divisional application of a parent application 2004-197453. The application 2004-197453 is the national priority application on the basis of 2003-275672. Please note that claims of US application amended this time correspond to the similarly allowed claims of the Japanese patent application 2006-341650.

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AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS



Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended based on original claim 1)

An access method for an apparatus to gain access  
5 to a specific area assigned to an area number of a memory  
device, the method comprising the steps of:

the apparatus transmitting designation  
information including the area number, an access start  
offset in the specific area associated with the area number  
10 and a size of data to access and designating an access  
area of the memory device, to the memory device;

the apparatus transmitting verification  
information generated based on the designation  
information, together with a processing command for the  
15 access area;

the memory device verifying the verification  
information using the designation information; and

the memory device executing the processing command  
when the verification succeeds.

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2. (Amended based on original claim 2)

An access method for an apparatus to gain access  
to a specific area assigned to an area number of a memory  
device, the method comprising the steps of:

25 the apparatus sharing a verification key with the  
memory device;

the apparatus transmitting designation

information including the area number, an access start offset in the specific area associated with the area number and a size of data to access and designating an access area of the memory device, to the memory device;

5        the apparatus transmitting verification data obtained by encrypting the designation information using the verification key, together with a processing command for the access area;

10        the memory device verifying the verification data using the designation information and the verification key; and

the memory device executing the processing command when the verification succeeds.

15    3.        (Amended based on original claim 3)

      An access method for an apparatus to gain access to a specific area assigned to an area number of a memory device, the method comprising the steps of:

20        the apparatus sharing a verification key with the memory device;

the apparatus requesting transmission of random numbers to the memory device;

the memory device transmitting random numbers to the apparatus;

25        the apparatus transmitting designation information including the area number, an access start offset in the specific area associated with the area number

and a size of data to access and designating an access area of the memory device, to the memory device;

the apparatus transmitting verification data obtained by encrypting verification information  
5 including the random numbers and the designation information, together with a processing command for the access area;

the memory device verifying the verification data  
using the random numbers, the designation information  
10 and the verification key; and

the memory device executing the processing command  
when the verification succeeds.

4. (Amended based on original claim 9)

15 A memory device whose data of a specific area assigned to an area number is read and written by an apparatus, the memory device comprising:

a processing command receiver that receives designation information including the area number, an  
20 access start offset in the specific area associated with the area number and a size of data to access and designating  
an area to access and receives verification information generated based on the designation information and a processing command including a command for read or write;

25 a designation information verifier that performs verification processing on the verification information  
using the designation information;

a storage area that stores data;

a storage area access section that performs read or write from/in a designated area of the storage area according to the command for processing, when the verification processing succeeds;

a data transmitter that transmits data read by the storage area access section to the apparatus; and

a data receiver that receives data to write from the apparatus.

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5. (New)

The memory device according to claim 4, wherein the designation information verifier generates random numbers in response to a request by the apparatus, holds the random numbers and transmits the random numbers to the apparatus.

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6. (Amended based on original claim 10)

The memory device according to claim 5, wherein the designation information verifier performs the verification processing using the verification information and a verification key.

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7. (Amended based on original claim 11)

The memory device according to claim 6, further comprising:

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a verification key sharing section that shares the

verification key with the apparatus.

8. (Amended based on claim 13)

An information apparatus that reads and writes data  
5 of a specific area assigned to an area number from/in  
a memory device, the information apparatus comprising:

a designation information determiner that  
determines designation information including an access  
start offset for reading and writing data from/in the  
10 specific area, a size of data for performing read and  
write and the area number and designating the access area;

a verification information generator that performs  
processing for generating verification information based  
on the designation information;

15 a processing command transmitter that transmits  
the designation information to the memory device and  
separately transmits the verification information and  
a processing command for reading or writing data;

a data transmitter that transmits data to the memory  
20 device when the processing command is write; and

a data receiver that receives data from the memory  
device when the processing command is read.

9. (New)

25 The information apparatus according to claim 8,  
wherein the detection information verifier requests  
transmission of random numbers to the memory device and

receives the random numbers from the memory device.

10. (Amended based on original claim 14)

5 The information apparatus according to claim 9,  
wherein the verification information generator performs  
the processing for generating the verification  
information using the designation information and a  
verification key.

10 11. (Amended based on original claim 15)

The information apparatus according to claim 10,  
further comprising:

a verification key sharing section that shares the  
verification key with the memory device.

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12. (Amended based on original claim 17)

An access method for an apparatus to gain access  
to a specific area assigned to an area number of a memory  
device, the method comprising:

20 the apparatus transmitting designation  
information including the area number, an access start  
offset in the specific area associated with the area number  
and a size of data to access and designating an access  
area of the memory device, to the memory device;

25 the apparatus transmitting verification data  
obtained by encrypting the designation information using  
the verification key, together with a processing command

for the access area to the memory device;

the memory device verifying the verification data  
using the designation information and the verification  
key; and

5        the memory device executing the processing command  
when the verification succeeds.

13.        (Amended based on original claim 18)

      An access method for an apparatus to gain access  
10    to a specific area assigned to an area number of a memory  
      device, the method comprising the steps of:

the apparatus requesting transmission of random  
      numbers to the memory device;

the memory device transmitting random numbers to  
15    the apparatus;

the        apparatus        transmitting        designation  
      information including the area number, an access start  
      offset in the specific area associated with the area number  
      and a size of data to access and designating an access  
20    area of the memory device, to the memory device;

the apparatus transmitting verification data  
      obtained by encrypting the designation information using  
      a verification key, together with a processing command  
      for the access area to the memory device;

25        the memory device verifying the verification data  
      using the random numbers, the designation information  
      and the verification key; and

the memory device executing the processing command  
when the verification succeeds.